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UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
October 1995

Building for the Next Generation of UFMCC

The Fellowship is seeking a few heroes! At General Conference in Atlanta, Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry announced that the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan

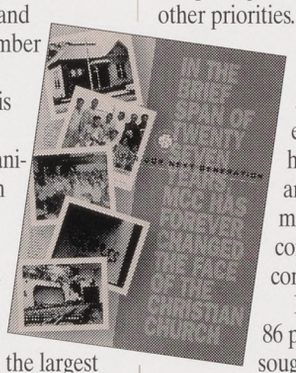
COVER STORY

Community Churches is moving into a new Global Headquarters and Spiritual Center in West Hollywood, California, and is conducting a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to make this possible.

This campaign, "For The Next Generation," is currently the chief focus of Rev. Perry's activities, as well as of many others, both clergy and lay, throughout the Fellowship. The entire Fellowship is mobilizing for this extraordinary undertaking, a denomination-wide fundraising drive which has never been attempted before on this scale.

The search is on to find a number of exceptionally generous individuals throughout the world, both within and outside the Fellowship, who understand why Metropolitan Community Churches are so important, and who are committed to building the future of the Fellowship.

Many congregations have invited Rev. Perry to speak about the campaign and to receive offerings. He has already visited congregations in Dallas, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Denton, Fort Worth, Austin, and Chicago, and will be visiting many more in the upcoming months. Donations are needed and desired from every member and friend of UFMCC.

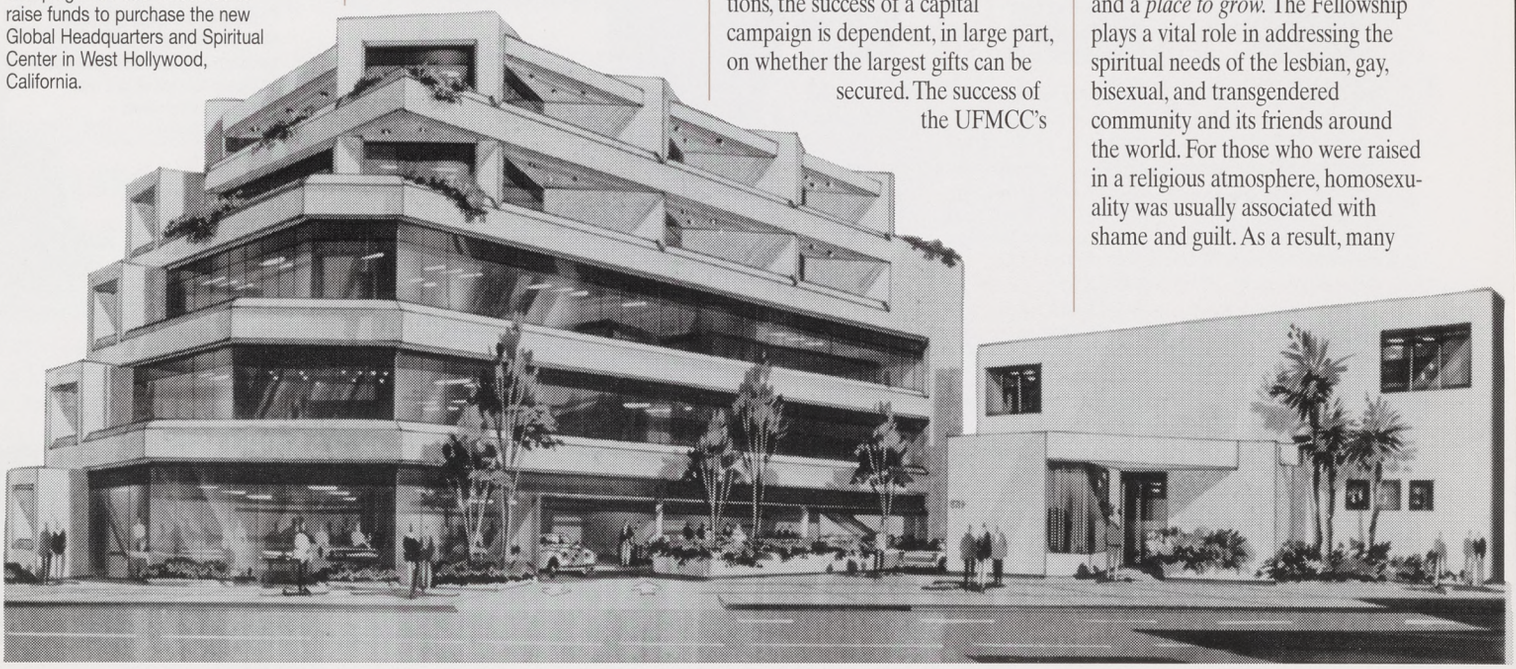


A capital campaign is always a historic opportunity for an organization. It is a time when an organization asks people to consider making especially large gifts – in almost all cases, a donation given in a capital campaign is the largest charitable contribution that the donor has ever given to any organization. The organization presents a vision to its members and friends, and asks them to stretch and to sacrifice in order to make that vision a reality.

As many members know from their experience, conducting building drives for their own congregations and for other non-profit organizations, the success of a capital campaign is dependent, in large part, on whether the largest gifts can be secured. The success of the UFMCC's campaign depends on finding twelve people who will be willing to give donations ranging from $100,000 to $500,000 each. All gifts are payable over three years, so these are gifts of $33,000 to $125,000 annually. These extraordinary gifts are of a sort that have rarely been given in the past; very few people have the capability to give such amounts. Even when individuals capable of this level of giving are identified, it needs to be realized that while some will recognize the campaign as a compelling cause, others will have other priorities. Rev. Perry and campaign Co-Chair Rev. David Farrell are calling on the entire Fellowship to help identify friends and members who might be willing to consider such a commitment.

Beyond this, another 86 people are being sought who are able to give contributions in the $5,000 to $50,000 range ($1,666 to $16,666 annually). So far, twenty pledges in this range have been secured.

The UFMCC has been headquartered in rental office space in Hollywood that was outgrown years ago. In speaking about the new Global Headquarters and Spiritual Center, Rev. Perry describes a *message of hope*, a *symbol of truth*, and a *place to grow*. The Fellowship plays a vital role in addressing the spiritual needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community and its friends around the world. For those who were raised in a religious atmosphere, homosexuality was usually associated with shame and guilt. As a result, many



A Fellowship-wide Capital Campaign has been mounted to raise funds to purchase the new Global Headquarters and Spiritual Center in West Hollywood, California.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Joint Committee Manages Acquisition of New Property

A Joint Ownership Policies Committee has been appointed to oversee the acquisition and management of the new home for the UFMCC and MCC Los Angeles. Each organization will be reperesented by three persons on the six-member committee. This committee has been meeting weekly since early September to consider policies and take action on property acquisition, preparation for occupancy, finance, community relations, and capital fund raising. The Joint Ownership Policies Commitee is accountable to the board of Directors of MCC Los Angeles and the General Council of the UFMCC.

Ivy Bottini is a member of the MCCLA board of directors. A well-known gay rights and womens rights acivist, she was the founder of the first chapter of the National Organization for Women. Ms Bottini is a prominent Los Angeles area real estate broker.

Rev. Elder Don Eastman is the Second Vice Moderator and Treasurer of the UFMCC. Combining the leadership skills of a successful senior pastor and organizational skills as an executive of a secular non-profit agency, Elder Eastman brings considerable experience and vision to the Elder's Strategic Growth Iniative, which he directs.

Gil Gerald is President of Gil Gerald & Associates, and has more than sixteen years of experience as a consultant to non-profit organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of MCC Los Angeles and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Mr. Gerald is a 1974 graduate of the School of Architecture of the Pratt Institute.

Jeri Peterson is a certified public accountant and a partner at a CPA firm in Glendale, California. She is a past controller for an aerospace company and has two bachelor degrees. She is a member of MCC Divine Redeemer in Glendale, and has served as a deacon and on the church's board of directors. She lives with her spouse, Dana Cagle.

Elder Larry Rodriguez is a high school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and a native of Los Angeles. Larry began attending MCC Los Angeles in 1970, and served on the board of directors of MCCLA for nearly ten years. Elder Rodriguez has also worked with Project 10, the outreach program for gay and lesbian high school students in Los Angeles.

Jan Stone has served as a member of the Board of Directors of MCCLA for four years, and as Vice Moderator since 1993. Jan is a partner of Stone & Wood, a law firm specializing in estate administration and planning. Jan and her firm have a long tradition of service to the lesbian and gay community.

were cut off from the spiritual dimension of their lives. MCC provides an opportunity to explore a spiritual experience that affirms who each individual is, and provides a context in which they can reclaim the fullness of humanity, including spirituality. By providing a message of hope, MCC churches are spreading the gospel on a level in which they have never done before. The Universal Fellowship is expanding, in order to make a difference in more and more lives around the world. These new facilities will provide a means to increase sharing the vision and values that have transformed so many.

In addition, these new facilities will be a symbol of truth, a permanent and visible reminder of the truth that has set our spiritual community free. The headquarters will no longer be hidden away in a non-descript office building in Hollywood. As the largest gay and lesbian organization any place in the world, UFMCC will be in the heart of the community, as a leader of the global gay and lesbian community, and as a spokesperson for gay and lesbian people of faith everywhere. The UFMCC must address the issues that confront its community, including responding to the pseudo-religious arguments of the "religious right." The Fellowship will be, more than ever, a voice for the value and potential of each human being, a voice for inclusion and diversity, and a voice for fairness and justice, and the end of homophobia.

The Global Headquarters and Spiritual Center will be a place to grow. UFMCC embarked last year on its Strategic Growth Initiative, and is seeking to double in size over the next decade. The Fellowship has also been expanding globally, and expanding in the types and quality of assistance it is providing to local congregations to help them grow. These new facilities will enable expanded services and resources to growing MCC congregations everywhere.

For further information about the UFMCC Capital Campaign, please contact Rev. Troy Perry's office in Los Angeles at 213/464-5100, E-Mail ufmcc@aol.com, or Rev. David Farrell, Senior Pastor of MCC San Diego at 619/280-4333, E-Mail REV D@aol.com.

The Joint Ownership Policy Committee has been meeting weekly to expedite the purchase and plan for use of the new Global Headquarters building in West Hollywood.

CONFERENCE '97

Looking Forward to Sydney

The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour is the site of the 1997 General Conference of the UFMCC. It is one of the world's most comprehensive meeting and exhibition complexes. The Centre is also the focal point of Darling Harbour, one of the world's most imaginative urban redevelopment projects, alive with shops, restaurants, and visitor attractions.

If you have a computer and would like to know more about the

Left–Sydney, Australia, is famous for its Opera House and Darling Harbor, and will be the host city of UFMCC General Conference Eighteen in 1997. **Below–**The Down Under Party at Atlanta, an invitation to the hospitality of Sydney, was a highlight of the week's events.

Convention Centre you can check it out on the Internet at http:/ /www.csu.edc.au/special /conference/venue.htlm. Another Web Site of interest is the "Pinkboard Home Page (Welcoming Gay Men and Lesbians and our Friends)". It contains a full guide to lesbian and gay Sydney. It's address is http: // www.pickboard.com.au/. If you are planning to visit New Zealand/Aotearoa on your way to, or coming back from General Conference, check out their national Home Page at http://nz.com/nz/. Happy surfin' all. See you at General Conference XVIII in Sydney, NSW, Australia!

CALL FOR RESUMES

Open UFMCC Position

The UFMCC is seeking an individual to fill the position of Director of Clergy Development. Candidates must be UFMCC ordained clergy, with at least five years of experience as a pastor within the UFMCC. Other requirements include computer literacy, strong interpersonal skills, demonstrated strong administrative and organizational skills, and a masters degree or its equivalent.

Duties will include but are not limited to facilitating the development of functional clergy; managing, monitoring, and reviewing the credentialing system; working with churches, clergy, and districts to set up systems for recruitment, placement, professional development and pastoral search processes; informing and assist students and supervising pastors about proficiency standards and how to meet those standards; and managing the credentialing office. The position will report to the UFMCC Director of Administration and the Board of Ordained Ministry Steering Committee. The position is housed at UFMCC Headquarters in Los Angeles, California. It is a full-time position requiring 35 hours per week with a salary of $30,000 to 35,000 per year (based on qualifications). Benefits include health insurance, vacation, sick pay, and holidays in accordance with current UFMCC standards for office staff. Starting date is January 1, 1996.

Send Resume to: UFMCC, Ravi Verma, Director of Administration, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles, California 90029. Resumes must arrive on or before October 27th at 5:00 p.m. For more details contact Ravi Verma at 213/464-5100 ext. 215.

MEMORIAM

Rev. Donald Magill

Rev. Donald Magill died on September 13th at his home in Tacoma, Washington. Rev. Magill is survived by his life partner, Mr. Dale Hunter, and his mother. A memorial service was held September 23.

Rev. Magill first joined MCC in 1982, serving as a deacon at MCC Pomona Valley in Ontario, California. After being licensed as clergy within the UFMCC, Rev. Magill served at MCC churches in Reno, Nevada, Tacoma, Washington, and Medford, Oregon.

Rev. Magill was active in the HIV/AIDS community for years. He established or did volunteer work in numerous service organizations in California, Nevada, and Washington, and had just published his new book, *Living With AIDS, a Journey in Faith.*

RESOURCE CENTER

New Material Clearinghouse

Small group resources and materials on the Bible and homosexuality can now be listed in the new "MCC Resources Clearinghouse." If

JUSTICE

Rev. Mel White

Within the next year, the Supreme Court in Hawaii will, in all probability, declare our gay and lesbian marriages legal and binding. Before any potential backlash begins, we want to help create a national spirit of understanding and acceptance towards these unions. As one step in that direction, over a hundred UFMCC congregations in the United States have endorsed the following Marriage Resolution: "Because marriage is a fundamental right under our Constitution, and because the Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law, Resolved, the State should permit gay and lesbian couples to marry and share fully and equally in the rights and responsibilities of marriage."

We are hoping that if your congregation has NOT signed on yet, you will do so in the next two weeks. Early next month, Rev. Troy Perry and I will be presenting to the media the names of those churches who have signed in support of this measure. Please notify me the minute you are on board at fax (214/875-4858) or E-Mail (JusticeNet@aol.com). We will send a JusticeNet Certificate of Appreciation to your church.

Are you on-line yet? You can't spy on Troy cruising the World Wide Web until you get on line! You don't have to have a computer, just a friend with one. Our JusticeNet UFMCC E-Mail network is almost on line. If you aren't on-line yet personally, appoint a JusticeNet representative from your church and have them contact us at JusticeNet@aol.com. And if you have no one in the congregation who is on-line and no prospects, send us a fax at 214/875-4858 to let us know. We'll see what we can do to help.

On- or off-line, did you get the first six JusticeNet Bulletins while your were in Atlanta? If not, let us know and we'll send you the complete set immediately. I think you'll find the Bulletins to be helpful, practical suggestions for doing God's work in your community.

your church, district, or program has originated materials or resources, they can now be listed in this unique catalog. A listing of all materials will be published once a year by UFMCC.

Please send a brief description of the item with the cost, plus the name and address of where this resource can be obtained. Send information to: MCC Resources Clearinghouse, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, Fax: (213) 464-2123, E-MAIL UFMCCHQ@aol.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

MCCLA Holds Gala Kick-Off Event

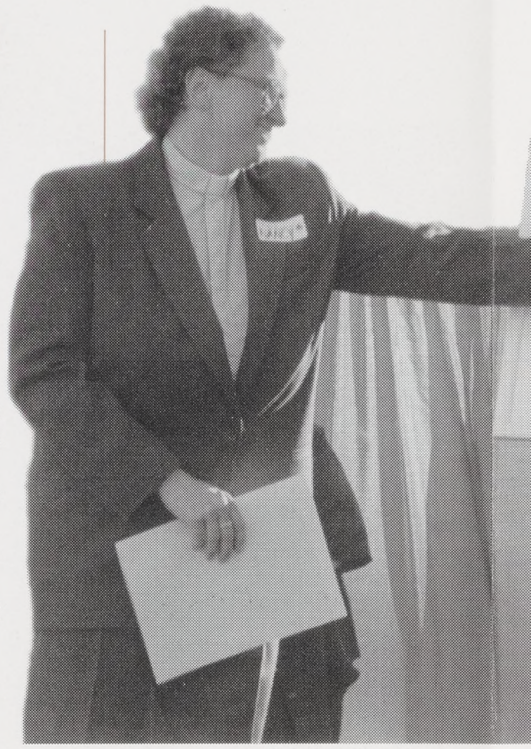
Representatives of civic groups, other churches joined political and entertainment figures to kick off MCCLA's Capital Campaign in August. The event was held on the parking lot of the West Hollywood City Hall complex, just across the street from the new church building, and was promoted as a way of introducing MCCLA to the West Hollywood community. Participants heard welcomes from city officials and prominent members of the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community. Special guest was Maxine Waters, United States Representative. Rep. Waters enthralled the crowd with tales of deception and "back room" politics in the Republican-controlled legislature in Washington. She urged the gay and lesbian community to be more vigilant now than at any other time in recent history.

Members of the West Hollywood City Council were on hand to present the keys to the city to Rev. Nancy Wilson, in the form of a painting of keys tied to the laces of a pair of Rev. Wilson's famed red sneakers.

DISTRICTS

Two Districts Merge

The merger of the Mid-Central and Western Canadian Districts is progressing well, according to the plan laid out at the March General Council. An informal meeting was held at General Conference, at which time it was decided to name this ne entity the "Mountains and Plains District." Bylaws hav been drafted by a joint district committee and have been submitted to the Corporate and Legal Divisic of General Council for approval. A district conference for this newly-formed district will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota over the Memorial Day weekend in 1996. At that time district officers for the Mid-Central and Western Canadian Districts will step down and all district offices will be open for election.



Above–Mayor Pro Tem Abbe Land presented sneaker-themed keys to the City of West Hollywood to Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson. **Right–**Members of the CCCC team reviewed proposals during discussions at Conference.

FLORIDA

$700 Raised for "Meals"

More than 400 persons attended "A Time To Dance II" at the Miami, Florida, Airport Hilton on Saturday, August 26. The event, co-sponsored by Christ MCC and Cure AIDS Now netted more than $7,500 to benefit the "Meals On Wheels" program which delivers hundreds of meals weekly to HIV affected persons in the Miami area.

The name "A Time To Dance" was coined for the inaugural event in 1994, at which Rev. Steve Pieters served as the guest speaker. That first event, attended by about 250 persons, raised $5,000. This year's

AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Praises

Greg Jung, member of **MCC Living Faith**, has been elected Vice President of the Missouri National Education Association ■ **Rev. Randy** and **Mr. Ryan Lester-Wilson** of **MCC of the Central Coast**, California announced the birth of their adopted son, **Sean Michael**, born August 14th ■ **MCC For All the Saints**, Los Angeles, California, will celebrate its 18th anniversary on November 10-12 with special guest, **Rev. Elder Freda Smith** ■ **Wichita Falls MCC,** Texas, finalized the purchase of a new church building. First service held in their new building was July 30th ■ **MCC Austin**, Texas, celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 1st ■ **MCC of Greater Tulsa**, Oklahoma, will celebrate its 22nd anniversary on October 14th ■ **Church of the Holy Spirit MCC**, Des Moines, Iowa, celebrated its 21st anniversary on Sept 1st ■ **MCC of the Rockies**, Denver, Colorado, celebrated its 22nd anniversary on September 19th ■ Congratulations to **Rev. Denise Leopold** who has been made a member of the Board of Directors of the Manhattan AIDS Project ■ At the 21st Anniversary celebration of **MCC Melbourne**, Australia on Nov 5, **Rev. Ken Martin** from **MCC Austin**, Texas, will be the guest preacher ■ **Rev. Nori Rost**, pastor of **Pikes Peak MCC**, Colorado, and her spouse, **Kim Stephens** are proud to announce the birth of their son **Samuel Zachary Rost Stephens** on September 16th.

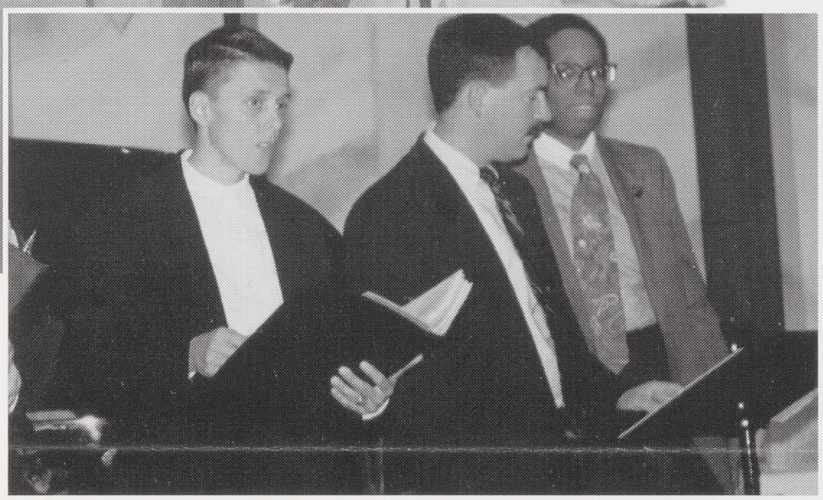
Transitions

Rev. Bev Stephenson was installed on August 13th as Pastor of **Eglise Du Saint Esprit MCC**, Lafayette, Louisiana ■ **Rev. Sandy O'Steen** was installed as Pastor of **MCC of Corpus Christi**, Texas on August 13 ■ **Rev. Nancy Horvath** was installed as Pastor and celebrated her Ordination with **Family of Faith MCC**, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 17th ■ **Rev. Lin Stoner** became the Senior Pastor of **Reconciliation MCC**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 1st ■ **Rev. Claudia Wolf** has joined the staff of **Faith Eternal MCC**, Springfield, Illinois, as Associate Pastor ■ **Rev. Earle Lewis** was installed at **MCC Omaha**, Nebraska, on September 23rd ■ **Adam DeBaugh** has been named as Interim Ecumenical Staff. In this position he will provide **Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson** staff support with phone calls, mailing and coordination, while **Rev. Kit Cherry** is recuperating.

AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Prayers

For **Rev. Sylvanus Maduka**, Nigeria, whose step-father died in August ■ Of love and support to our sisters and brothers in **New Zealand** who prepare to celebrate 20 years of UFMCC ministry in their country in October ■ For **Rev. Roberto Gonzalez** as he moves to New York to assume the pastoral role at **ICM Cristo Rey** and for **ICM Buenos Aires**, Argentina as **Alejandro Soria** will become the new Lay Pastoral Leader upon Rev. Gonzalez' departure ■ For the October **Board of Elders/General Council** Meeting, October 17-24 in Los Angeles, California ■ Requested for **Rev. Elder Wilhelmina Hein** as she prepares for surgery on November 27 ■ For the upcoming conference and future outreach in New Zealand ■ The churches in New Zealand request prayers for their part of the world and that future nuclear tests may be halted.



guest speaker was Thom Collins, a long-term HIV survivor who now runs a support facility for HIV-affected persons in Oklahoma City.

"Our goal for A Time To Dance III in 1996 is to sell 750 tickets and raise $10,000 for the program," said Christ MCC Pastor Rev. Michael Nikolaus.

TEXAS

Houston Hosts Mission Conference

Maranatha Fellowship MCC in Houston, Texas, hosted their Second Annual Global Mission Conference the weekend of September 8. Rev. Howard Williams from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Rev. Ed Paul, South Central District Coordinator and ambassador to the Philippines earlier this year, and Rev. Judy Dahl, Administrator of Global Outreach, shared in a weekend-long time of sharing and worship designed to inform those attending of the global work ongoing in the UFMCC.

The enthusiasm and love for God and MCC people which was demonstrated over the weekend, if replicated throughout all MCC churches, could well serve as a model for the kind of sharing and concern so much needed as the Fellowship approaches the next millennium. Individuals shared their gifts and desire in different countries and in ministry. Maranatha Fellowship MCC renewed it's commitment to commit a portion of its monthly income to Global Outreach, and reaffirmed its commitment to deep spiritual prayer for all those doing Global Outreach ministry at the denominational level. In addition, they pledged to work within their district to ignite the same enthusiasm regionally.

If you, your district or local church is interested in hosting a Global Conference to learn more and share more with your sisters and brothers around the globe, please be in touch with Rev. Dahl at UFMCC Headquarters.

NEW CCCC

CCCC Policy Team Meets

A team of seven denominational leaders met last September 6th through 8th to begin the process of implementing the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee Proposal that was accepted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches at its recent General Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. In a spirit of cooperation and mutual support, this diverse group sifted through and weighed every aspect of the 33-page credentialing process which contained over 75 major issues. Rev. Pat Bumgardner, Pastor of MCC New York and Chair of the CCCC, chaired this grueling three-day process. Other members of the implementation team included: Rev. Sandra Robinson, President of Samaritan College; Mr. Ravi Verma, UFMCC Director of Administration; Rev. Jay Neely, Gulf Lower Atlantic District Coordinator and Chair of Corporate & Legal on the General Council; Rev. Steve Torrence, Pastor of MCC Key West and CCCC member; Rev. Don Pederson, Southwest District Coordinator; and Ms. Nancy Fackrell, Interim Administrator for the CCCC, acting as recording secretary. This talented team representing five U.S. states refined the process for student clergy and transfer clergy, made recommendations to the General Council for changes to reconcile the discrepancies that existed between the process and the UFMCC bylaws, cleared up confusion surrounding the document as a whole, and added substance to areas that appeared vague. The participants at this meeting modeled an incredibly high level of commitment, integrity, cooperation and Christian charity.

Recommendations regarding a new clergy manual will be presented to the General Council at their October meeting. The new clergy manual will be available in mid-December.

CHRONICLES/AUGUST 1995

Top 20 Tithes

1. MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX $3,097.88
2. Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL $2,525.24
3. MCC Washington, DC $1,779.85
4. St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL $1,559.01
5. MCC Long Beach, CA $1,402.15
6. Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL $1,390.30
7. MCC San Francisco, CA $1,352.44
8. Gentle Shepherd MCC, Phoenix, AZ $1,263.00
9. Trinity MCC, Arlington, TX $1,226.24
10. MCC New York, NY $1,087.88
11. MCC Toronto, Ontario, Canada $1,070.76
12. First MCC of Atlanta, GA $1,031.74
13. MCC Charleston, SC $1,023.17
14. MCC Richmond, VA $ 966.25
15. MCC Tampa, FL $ 932.55
16. MCC Charlotte, NC $ 917.79
17. Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX $ 866.48
18. Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota, FL $ 855.60
19. All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN $ 822.19
20. Harvest MCC, Denton, TX $ 810.47

(These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's monthly income that is reported to Fellowship headquarters.)

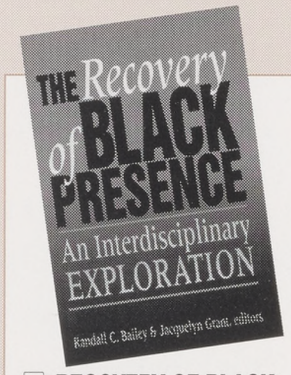
Top 20 Per Capita

1. MCC of Greater Hayward, San Lorenzo, CA $69.89
2. MCC of the Disciples, Washington, DC $48.57
3. Trinity MCC, Arlington, TX $32.96
4. Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX $31.39
5. MCC Basisgemeinde, Hamburg, Germany $31.24
6. Spirit Eagle MCC, Spring Valley, CA $31.15
7. New Life MCC, Berkeley, CA $28.88
8. Open Arms MCC, Rochester, NY $27.99
9. MCC in the Country, Spring Valley, CA $27.80
10. MCC Charleston, SC $27.14
11. MCC New Haven, CT $26.38
12. Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL $26.18
13. MCC Ventura, CA $25.35
14. Harvest MCC, Denton, TX $25.33
15. MCC Dayton Parish, Dayton, OH $24.03
16. Sunrise MCC of the Hi Desert, Lancaster, CA $23.90
17. Gentle Souls MCC, Kansas City, MO $21.94
18. Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota, FL $21.07
19. Lexington's MCC, Lexington, KY $20.58
20. MCC Johnson County, Shawnee, KS $20.52

(These figures reflect the average individual weekly offerings to the local church.)

Resource Center: More Books, Materials

Last Seen at General Conference Resource Center Expo!



☐ **RECOVERY OF BLACK PRESENCE**
BAILEY& GRANT
BP0083 $14.95
Collection of essays, a fitting tribute to Dr. Charles B. Copher, who pioneered the investigation of Black presence in the ancient world in general and in the biblical text in particular.

☐ **SAME-SEX UNIONS IN PRE-MODERN EUROPE**
JOHN BOSWELL
BP0063 $20.00

☐ **THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE BIBLE** CROSSROADS BOOKS
BP0067 $15.00

☐ **BUILDING A GREAT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
JOHNSON & BOWER
BP0071 $9.95

☐ **GAY THEOLOGY WITHOUT APOLOGY**
DAVID COMSTOCK
BP0072 $12.95

☐ **EQUAL RITES**
CHERRY&SHERWOOD
BP0081 $12.99

☐ **THE WOLF SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB**
ERIC LAW
BP0086 $13.99
A spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community.

☐ **PROUD TO BE**
AMY DEAN
BP0068 $7.95
365 meditations to help understand and confront the challenges lesbians and gay men face each day.

☐ **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD AND HE KNOWS I'M GAY**
REV. ELDER TROY PERRY
BP0065 $10.95
25th Anniversary Edition
Universal Fellowship Press

☐ **STRANGER AT THE GATE**
MEL WHITE (PAPERBACK)
PB0061S $11.00

☐ **PATIENT NO MORE:THE POLITICS OF BREAST CANCER**
SHARON BATT
BP0069 $14.00
An intensely personal document of a woman's journey from anger to action, and an uparalleled expose of the politics of breast cancer.

☐ **FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY**
LINTON STABLES III
BP0079 $15.00
118 pages full of suggestions for local churches and congregations seeking to improve fundraising events. Northwest District, UFMCC.

☐ **THE SEX TEXTS**
REV. ROBERT ARTHUR
BP0080 $15.00
This book promises to be a catalyst for discussion of a much needed theology of sexuality.

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☐ **UFMCC LOGO DECAL**
UM0013 $2.00

☐ **UFMCC LOGO TIE TAC/LAPEL PIN** UM012H $2.00

☐ **UFMCC LOGO (BLANK) CARDS** 5 WITH ENVELOPES
CO9524 $1.25

☐ **UFMCC FLAG** (3'X5')
UM0005 $55.00

☐ **RAINBOW FLAG WITH UFMCC LOGO** (3'X5')
CO9521 $50.00

☐ **RAINBOW MEMO PADS**
CO9523 $1.25

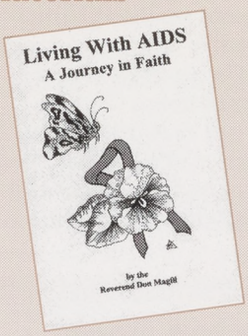
☐ **ACRYLIC CUBES, UFMCC LOGO** CO9522 $12.50

☐ **GENERAL CONFERENCE MUG**
CO9502 $7.50 Almond
CO9501 $7.50 Pink

More Conference Audio Tapes

☐ **Morning Worship Service**
Friday July 28 Ms. Judy Dale
CO9538 $7.00 each

More AIDS Ministry Materials



☐ **LIVING WITH AIDS: A JOURNEY IN FAITH**
REV. DON MAGILL
BP0092 $8.95
This book is a story of the impact AIDS has had on a long term survivor of the epidemic.

☐ **PEP/MCC VIDEO**
AM0011 $35.00
Peer Education Program-Video and manual-Education and training multi-cultural youth to be peereducators who talk directly, accurately, openly and honestly with other young people about HIV/AIDS prevention.

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Zip/Postal Code _____

Personal orders placed by individuals must be prepaid. For churches and organizations, orders to be billed will be charged $2.00 handling plus shipping costs; prepaid orders will be charged shipping costs only.

Subtotal _____

Sales Tax (CA Residents Add 8.25%) _____

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(All Payments Must Be Made In U.S. Dollars)

☐ Enclosed is my check/money order ☐ Please charge to my VISA/MasterCard

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Elders, elders everywhere–Atlanta Conference assembled a distinguished group of past and present UFMCC elders.

VISIBILITY

Human Rights Coming Out Day

The Human Rights Campaign Fund's U.S. National Coming Out Project plans a day of visibility, including rallies and public service announcements. Candace Gingrich, the openly lesbian half-sister of U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and Dan Butler of NBC's "Frasier," will address rallies on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center on October 11. At the Los Angeles rally, HRCF will present the annual Dick Sargent National Coming Out Day Award for significant contributions to lesbian and gay visibility. The 1995 recipients are Butler and California State Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl.

The rallies and public service announcements are among the more than 100 events already scheduled nationwide. This year's theme, "Come Out, Get Involved, It Truly Makes A Difference," is reflected throughout all activities, encouraging gay men and lesbians to educate others about who they are and the discrimination they face.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

New Zealand Planning Anniversary

New Zealand MCC churches are gearing up for the 20th anniversary celebrations of UFMCC in New Zealand. A conference, entitled "Freedom, Glorious Freedom" will be held in Auckland on October 13th through the 15th. Australian visitors are also expected and a special annual humanitarian award is being initiated. Mr. David Teggert will be honored for his past four years spent as coordinator, and Rev. Michael Horn will be installed as the new coordinator for New Zealand. Workshops will include issues of womanist theology, self-esteem building, building strategies to deal with fundamentalism, and envisioning the future of the Pacific rim nations and UFMCC.

New Zealand General Conference delegates returned home to make a firm commitment to the Fellowship's purchase of a new Global Headquarters. Churches in Christchurch, Hamilton and Auckland, New Zealand are holding special church garage sales on October 7th as a fundraising event for the Capital Campaign. As one of the church members said, "We want to feel that it's our building too, not just something across the Pacific."

OOPPS!

Last month's ad for Conference audio tapes did not list Great Lake District Coordinator Judy Dale's sermon. It is listed in this month's ad. Be sure to order it. Our apologies to Ms. Dale.

Our reporting that the 1996 meeting of the Commission on Laity in London is the first meeting outside the USA is incorrect. The Commission met in Toronto, Canada in 1994. The London meeting will be the first outside of the North American continent.

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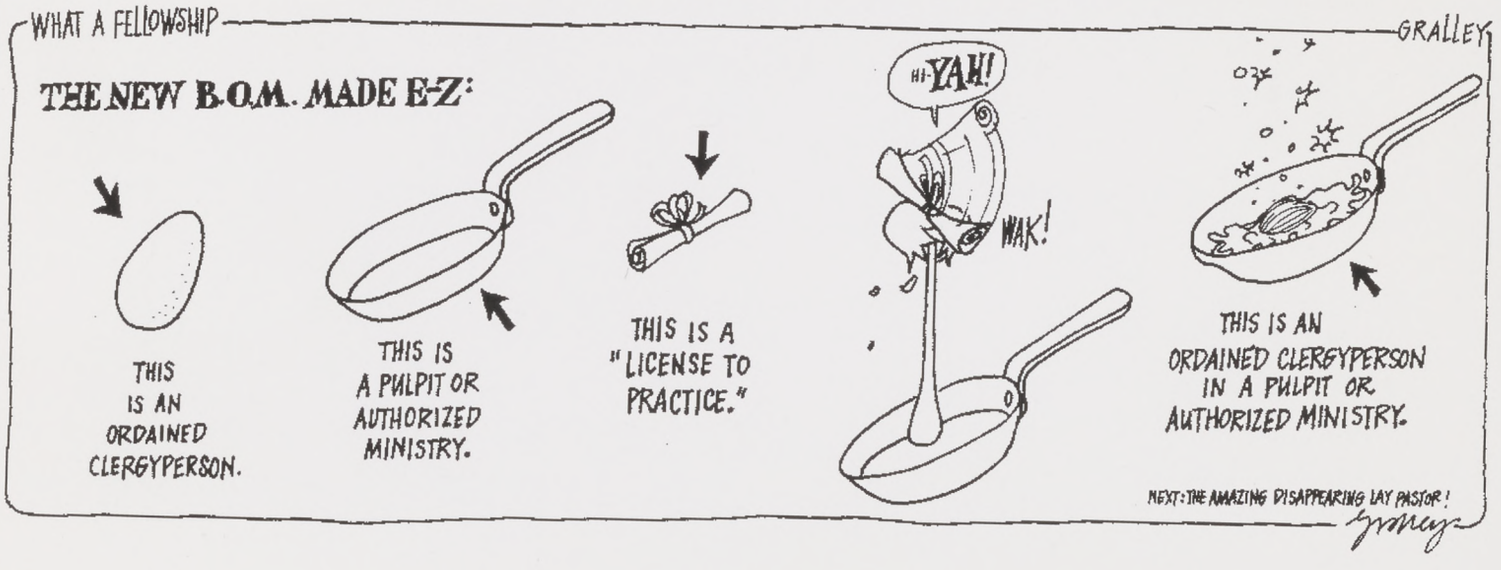

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